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EXCELLENCE AND SECURITY

Excellence and security are what is needed within the IT industry. Microsoft should be restricted because they are not the BEST in all areas. We need to allow free IT growth in a competitive market or we shall all be worse off.

Example: There are useful little cars but it would not encourage excellence if they were automatically "included" with a road tax/licence for a vehicle. This would reduce the market share for specialist excellent cars at the top of the range.

Please uphold the court judgment against Microsoft in a manner that will truly stop Microsoft products being forced onto consumers. "Punishing" Microsoft by "allowing" them to donate hundreds of PCs to schools is hardly a way of reducing their encroachment. This method of fining Microsoft should not be allowed. Once their stranglehold is complete they will be free to increase licence fees every year and the world will be held to ransom.

Microsoft has already invaded US government departments and is fast taking over all IT implementations in the UK government. A commercial corporation should not be placed in a position where it can make demands on the governments of countries. There should be a ruling that forces Microsoft to make available the basic code that would allow all docs produced in Microsoft to be used by other software packages. Also Microsoft should not be allowed to build in "planned obsolescence" which forces users into an endless cycle of having to upgrade their software in order to be able to read email attachments from the latest Microsoft product.

What would the motor industry be like if we were forced to upgrade all the electronic components in the car every year in order to be able to continue to use certain major highways?

It could even be said the Microsoft does not sell the goods that it purports to sell as it does not notify the buyer that the full functionality of the product will begin to decrease after about 6 months as it becomes less and less compatible with the newer releases of Microsoft software. If Microsoft did not hold this unacceptable monopoly it would be possible to send older second-hand PC's and software to third world countries for their use. This is not practical when the software becomes obsolete simply because it is no longer compatible with the latest Microsoft offering.

Microsoft is so intent on increasing their market share that they are exposing us to enormous risks from hackers and viruses.
Please free us from the tyranny of Microsoft and encourage them to use their

considerable resources and expertise to pursue excellence and security.

If they are as good as they think they are they should be able to cope with excellent competition and this should serve to spur them on to greater things.

Microsoft were found GUILTY --- please allow the judgment to be EFFECTIVE in
RESTRICTING their monopoly and unacceptable domination of the IT industry.

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